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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows, prior to the calculation of the fees.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 5, 6, 9, 11-15, 17, 21-33, 35-39, 45, 47-51, and 54-57 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows. Applicants have included herewith pages showing the markups of the claims with insertions and deletions indicated by underlining and bracketing. respectively.

10.(amended) An isolated nucleic acid encoding a peptide selected from the group consisting of the peptide of claim 1, wherein the nucleic acid does not encode full length MAGE-A12.

19.(amended) A method for diagnosing a disorder characterized by expression of MAGE-A12 comprising:

contacting a biological sample isolated from a subject with an agent that is specific for a MAGE-A12 HLA binding peptide as claimed in claim 1, and